**Ideas for songs to use for analyzing lyrics**

* **The Dreaming Song**, Scribe - following your dreams
* W**hen September ends,** Green Day - coping with loss of a loved one
* **I don’t like Mondays**, Boom Town Rats – bullying
* **Jeremy,** Pearl Jam - bullying
* **Family Portrait Pink** – family violence
* **Hurricane,** Bob Dylan -
* **Who Killed Davy Moore?** Bob Dylan -
* **Folsom Prison Blues,** Johnny Cash -
* **I was only 19,** Red Gum - Australian - war theme
* **Answer to yourself,** Soft Pack -being true to yourself
* **Video,** India Arie - self worth especially for girls
* **The Unforgettable Fire,** U2 - anti war themes also **Sunday Bloody** **Sunday** and **New Years Day**
* **Another day in paradise,** Phil Collins - homelessness in the USA

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| * **School Days**, Chuck Berry |  |
| * **Buffalo Soldiers,** Bob Marley and the Wailers- African slaves used as soldiers during the * **The living years**, Mike and the Mechanics – relationships with parents | |
| * **Firework** Katy Perry – reaching your potential/self confidence | |
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**Song lyrics can be used to teach:**

* Rhyming
* Metaphors and Similes
* Alliteration
* Imagery
* Personification

**Possible questions for analyzing song lyrics:**

1. What is the song about? What does the title have to do with the song?
2. What message is the song trying to convey to the listener?
3. What three poetic sound devices can you find? Write the lines that you find each devices in and explain.
4. What two figurative devices (metaphor, simile, personification) can you find in the lyrics? Write the lines and explain each one.
5. Are the lyrics written as lines of poetry? If not, how would you break the lines into lines of poetry?